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NYPD dissolves Muslim spy unit

Turning a watchful eye. The New York City police department announced on Tuesday that it is disbanding its unit targeting Muslim-owned businesses and city mosques. **A step forward.** The program is being shuttered in favor of trying to improve communications with people in the Muslim community. PAGE 02

HIS EGG-CELLENCY

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Slava Duspiva displays some of his "kraslice" eggs that are for sale in the days leading up to Easter in Union Square. / MILES DIXON, METRO

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"This reform is a critical step forward in easing tensions between the police and the communities they serve, so that our cops and our citizens can help one another go after the real bad guys."

Mayor Bill de Blasio, on the end of the Muslim surveillance program

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The egg man of Union Square

Cracked. Meet the man who sells Czech Easter eggs in Manhattan and around the world.

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Slava Duspiva doesn't suffer fools gladly — mostly because they keep breaking his eggs.

Each "kraslice" can take over half an hour to make, Duspiva said, and at least one of the delicate, ornate Czech Easter eggs are broken every day he sells them in Union Square.

"They're just looking and touching everything," the 47-year-old egg artist said of non-paying passersby, who are sometimes guilty of cracking his kraslice. "Go home, touch your husband, touch your sister."

Despite his prickly demeanor, Duspiva's eggs are among the more popular works of art sold in Union Square. Covered in baskets filled with kraslice of all designs and colors, his table also features signs kindly asking people to control their children and to please not touch the eggs.

Though accidents happen, the organic eggs Duspiva uses for kraslice are more durable, he said. Shipped from the Czech Republic, the pre-blown eggs are decorated by Duspiva and others with a wax-resist or "batik" and a variety of tools at a studio in upstate New York before they are sold worldwide.

"This is a tradition — lost art," Duspiva said. "I do this art for people."

The Czech eggs were traditionally decorated by girls and given to boys on Easter, but Duspiva said they can also be used to represent new life. He sells them in Union Square in the weeks before both Christmas and Easter.

Duspiva's grandmother taught him how to make kraslice when he was a boy in the Czech Republic, where he emigrated from six years ago. He now lives in Brooklyn and hopes to one day open a museum devoted to kraslice — partially so his precious eggs can be protected by glass.

"I would like to introduce this to people around the world," Duspiva said.

See more at www.metro.us

People browse the eggs at Slava Duspiva's stand at Union Square. / MILES DIXON, METRO

A note warns parents to watch their children around the eggs.

New chapter. NYPD disbands its Muslim surveillance program

The controversial police unit that targeted New York City's Muslim communities for counterterrorism intelligence has been shut down.

The New York Times reported on Tuesday that the NYPD's Demographics Unit, which sent out officers in plainclothes to keep track of activity in and around mosques and Muslim-owned businesses, was disbanded in favor of improved lines of communications with community members.

In operation since at least 2003 and in response to the 9/11 attacks, the group of eight officers came under criticism in 2012 when the Associated Press uncovered documents showing that the surveillance program never resulted in actionable intelligence.

Meanwhile, the program drew the ire of New York Muslims who felt unfairly targeted by the NYPD. Some members reported attempts by officers to recruit them as potential informants.

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Protestors / GETTY IMAGES

In Queens

Dog injured in fatal shooting recovering

A dog wounded during a deadly shooting in Queens on Saturday is still recovering from his injuries, the ASPCA said Tuesday.

Police said Jack, a 6-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, was shot with his owner Carolann Matyka by her 86-year-old father Jack Calvello on Saturday morning. Calvello was shot by police after pointing the gun at them, according to the NYPD.

Jack was still being treated at the ASPCA Animal Hospital Tuesday for "traumatic wounds to his neck" but his condition was stable, according to the organization.

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Jack / ASPCA

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Fires investigated as being possible hate crime

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Blaze. A series of Brooklyn churches were burned over three days.

Police are investigating fires at three Brooklyn churches this past week as part of a possible hate crime.

Cops are looking for the suspected firebug, who struck the churches over three days. Police said the churches sustained minor damage but no injuries were reported from the morning fires.

The first fire was set on Saturday at 2:45 a.m., when the suspect lit a newspaper, burning the inside doorway of Greater New Beginning Baptist Church in Brownsville.

A few blocks away on Sunday, police said the firebug tossed an unknown object through a closed window at Iglesia Cristiana Church about 2:35 a.m. The object caused a small fire in the church's bathroom that was quickly extinguished but left minor damage.

The suspect lit another newspaper at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Crown Heights about 6:40 a.m. Monday, causing minor damage to the church, police said.

Cops are hoping to nab the firebug using footage captured at St. Mark's on Monday.

The Hate Crime Task Force is investigating the arson pattern, according to the NYPD.

Cops ask anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477).

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Holy statement on gun deaths in US

St. Mark's in-the-Bowery is using Easter as a way to raise awareness about gun violence in the United States. The church has placed Palm Sunday crosses on its property covered in T-shirts with the name of people killed with a gun over the past year. / MILES DIXON, METRO

In Brooklyn

Teenager shot in the head

Cops are on the hunt for a gunman who shot two people in the middle of the day along a busy Brooklyn street on Monday.

On Tuesday, the NYPD released video of a man suspected of opening fire in Flatbush, inadvertently striking a 13-year-old boy in the head.

The suspect was walking down the intersection of Flatbush Avenue and Beverly Road about noon when he pulled out a gun and let out a spray of bullets intended for an unidentified 24-year-old man, police said.

The 24-year-old was shot in the leg and taken to Kings County Hospital, as was the teenage bystander. Authorities said both are in stable condition.

Police are asking anyone with information on the shooting to contact Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS. CHESTER JESUS SORIA

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Terrorism

Cleric's own words to be used against him in NY trial

Prosecutors can use radical preacher Abu Hamza al-Masri's own inflammatory words against him during his trial in New York on terrorism-related charges, including praise for Osama bin Laden and for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, a federal judge ruled on Tuesday.

The decision came two days before opening statements are scheduled to take place in Manhattan federal court.

Lawyers for Abu Hamza had argued that video and audio recordings of Abu Hamza justifying violence against non-Muslims would unfairly taint the jurors' emotions, making it impossible for him to have a fair verdict.

REUTERS

Drugs. Man arrested at JFK for smuggling heroin in underwear

Authorities at John F. Kennedy International Airport stopped a man who allegedly tried to smuggle heroin into the country in his underwear.

Customs agents patted down Bernard Charles, a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, on April 1 after officials said he appeared nervous during an inspection of his suitcase.

When agents took him aside for a private search, they found two vacuum-sealed packages of a brown substance that tested positive for heroin.

Charles, who was arrested at the airport, faces federal narcotics smuggling charges.

"This seizure is just another example of our … officers being ever vigilant in protecting the United States from the distribution of these illicit drugs," said New York Field Operations Director Robert E. Perez in a statement.

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Weighing 1.79 pounds, the packages had a street value of more than $70,000, according to authorities.

Earlier this month, customs agents at JFK also stopped a Trinidadian traveler who attempted to smuggle seven pounds of cocaine hidden inside frozen goat meat.

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NY joins popular vote accord for national elections

Big cheese. The state joins part of a coalition that seeks to change how the president is elected.

New York State joined a nationwide effort to override the Electoral College by giving the state's electoral votes for president to the candidate who wins the national popular vote.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a law that would throw in New York's 29 votes toward a larger pool of electoral votes.

So far, nine states and the District of Columbia have done the same, gathering 165 of the 270 needed to guarantee a majority.

Called the National Popular Vote agreement, the idea is to make the Electoral College's 538 votes be consistent with the votes cast around the country.

Traditionally, all of the state's electoral votes are granted to whomever wins over a state's delegation, which critics says gives certain states inordinate influence.

"By aligning the Electoral College with the voice of the nation's voters, we are ensuring the equality of votes and encouraging candidates to appeal to voters in all states, instead of disproportionately focusing on early contests and swing states," Cuomo said.

The accord needs another 105 electoral votes to come into effect.

New York has 29 votes in the Electoral College. / GETTY IMAGES

Electoral reform

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Murder trial

Prosecutor wraps up Pistorius grilling

The prosecutor in the murder trial of Oscar Pistorius ended his five-day cross-examination of the double amputee track athlete on Tuesday with a stark summary of how he shot his girlfriend, insisting he killed her deliberately after an argument.

"You fired four shots through the door whilst knowing that she was standing behind the door," said prosecutor Gerrie Nel, known in South Africa as "The Pitbull" for his hectoring style of questioning.

REUTERS

PISTORIUS LEAVES THE HIGH COURT. /GETTY IMAGES

Customer service. US Airways investigating pornographic tweet

US Airways said it was investigating a pornographic tweet on Tuesday sent on its Twitter account in response to a customer complaint about a flight delay, which went viral on social media.

US Airways issued an apology on Monday immediately after deleting the tweeted photograph of a naked woman lying on a bed with a toy airplane between her legs, said Davien Anderson, spokesman for US Airways.

Anderson said US Airways, part of American Airlines Group Inc., was investigating the mishap. So far it has determined that the photo was originally posted to its Twitter feed by another user, but was inadvertently included in its response to the customer.

"We deeply regret the mistake and we are currently reviewing our processes to prevent such errors in the future," Anderson said.

US Airways tweeted the photo to the Twitter alias @ElleRafter, according to an archived image of the tweet, which has since been deleted.

REUTERS

Quoted

"We apologize for the inappropriate image we recently shared in a Twitter response."

Anderson said in an emailed statement.

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By Tuesday morning, the apology had been retweeted nearly 13,000 times and social media was flooded with jokes and gripes about the image.

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Boston. Voices of gratitude, defiance at bombing memorial

Family members of marathon bombing victims were joined by Gov. Deval Patrick, left, and Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, middle, at a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the attack.
GETTY IMAGES

Vice President Joe Biden joined other leaders and survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing to share messages of thanks and defiance on Tuesday at a tribute to the three people killed and 264 wounded in the attack exactly one year ago.

From Patrick Downes — who lost a leg when a pair of homemade bombs ripped through the crowds at the race's finish line — to Biden, speakers recalled how those on the scene, from police officers to spectators, reacted immediately to help the wounded amid the chaos on April 15, 2013.

Former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, who managed the response to the attack in the final year of his two decades in office, recalled the struggles of the families of Martin Richard, 8, Krystle Campbell, 29, and Chinese national Lu Lingzi, 23, who died in the largest mass-casualty attack on U.S. soil since Sept. 11, 2001.

"We would never wish the devastation and pain we have experienced on any of you," Downes said. "However, we do wish that all of you, at some point in your lives, feel as loved as we have every day of this past year."

Following the ceremony, the crowd walked down Boylston Street, the final stretch of the marathon, amid heavy rain and high winds to watch officials raise an American flag at the finish line.

At 2:49 p.m., the time the first bomb went off, the city observed a moment of silence. Afterwards, churches throughout Boston tolled their bells and ships in the city's harbor sounded their horns.

Federal prosecutors contend that a pair of ethnic Chechen brothers placed the pressure-cooker bombs at the race's crowded finish line and three days later shot dead a police officer in an unsuccessful attempt to steal his gun. REUTERS

People

2.5K

Downes, who had been standing near the finish line with his wife when the bombs went off, causing each to lose a leg, told the crowd of about 2,5000 people that he had been impressed by the city's outpouring of support for the wounded.

Quoted

"You have struggled to get through the good days and the bad. ... I know because so many of you have told me about this year of firsts. First birthday without your beloved son, first holiday without your daughter, first July 4 where the fireworks scared you." Menino

Kansas shootings

White supremacist charged with murder

The suspect in the killing of three people at two Jewish facilities near Kansas City over the weekend could face the death penalty on state murder charges filed Tuesday, prosecutors said.

Frazier Glenn Cross, 73, who also goes by the name Glenn Miller, likely will face federal charges that also could carry the death penalty in the killings Sunday afternoon in Overland Park, Kan., an upscale suburb of Kansas City, Mo.

Cross was known by law enforcement and human rights groups as a former senior member of the Ku Klux Klan movement and someone who has repeatedly expressed hatred for Jewish people. None of the people he is accused of killing were Jewish.

Prosecutors charged Cross on Tuesday in Johnson County, Kan., with one count of capital murder in the fatal shooting of Reat Underwood, 14, and his grandfather William Corporon, 69, outside a Jewish community center on Sunday.

The Jewish Community Center where Underwood and Corporon were shot will hold an interfaith service of "unity and hope" on Thursday. REUTERS

Bond

$10M

Frazier Glenn Cross is being held on $10 million bond.

Kiev. Ukraine launches special operation against separatists

Ukrainian troops ride tanks on the way toward Slovyansk in Ukraine. / GETTY IMAGES

Turchynov issued a statement saying Ukraine had retaken the airfield in Kramatorsk from pro-Russian militants, while the state security service said an "anti-terrorist" operation was in progress against separatists in the nearby town of Slovyansk.

The operations appeared to mark an escalation of the deepest East-West crisis since the Cold War. The standoff has raised fears in the West and in Kiev that Russia might intervene militarily on behalf of Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine, following its annexation of the Crimean region last month in response to the overthrow of Ukraine's pro-Moscow president, Viktor Yanukovych, after weeks of protests. REUTERS

Northwest Pakistan

Afghanistan says that US airstrike kills three civilians

A U.S. airstrike in eastern Afghanistan has killed three civilians, the Afghan president's office said on Tuesday. The bombing took place in Khost on Monday night, a statement said. The U.S.-led military coalition ISAF said it was looking into the incident.

"The Afghan President called the strike a violation of agreements between the two countries," a statement said.

After details of the operation became clear this week, analysts wonder whether the assault may turn some of the few Pakistanis brave enough to resist the Taliban against the army as it widens a crackdown on al Qaeda-backed Taliban insurgents. REUTERS

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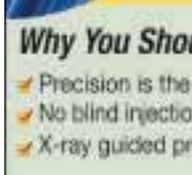

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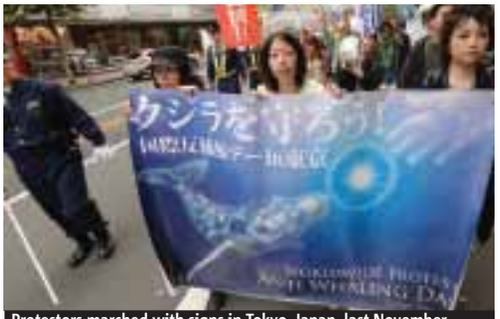
Environment. Japan whaling group plans to resume its hunts



Protestors marched with signs in Tokyo, Japan, last November, protesting their country's practice of whaling. / GETTY IMAGES

The group that conducts Japan's whaling says it expects to resume scientific whaling in the Antarctic after this year's hunt was canceled following an order by an international court.

Last month's judgment by the International Court of Justice ordered a halt to Japan's decades-old program of "scientific whaling" in the Southern Ocean, a practice environmentalists condemn, but Tokyo said it would abide by the decision and has canceled the 2014-2015 hunt.

But court papers filed in the United States by the Institute for Cetacean Research, which, with Kyodo Senpaku, actually carries out the whaling, said they expect to conduct hunts in future seasons — albeit with a modified program. **REUTERS**

Civil war

US-made rockets on display in Syrian rebel videos

Online videos show Syrian rebels using what appear to be U.S. anti-tank rockets, weapons experts say, the first significant American-built armaments in the country's civil war.

They would signal a further internationalization of the conflict, with new rockets suspected from Russia and drones from Iran also spotted in the forces of President Bashar al-Assad.

U.S. officials declined to discuss the rockets, which appeared in Syria around the same time Reuters reported that Washington had decided to proceed with plans to increase aid, including delivery of lower-level weaponry. **REUTERS**

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Skywatchers see 'blood moon' in total lunar eclipse

Parts of the world saw a rare celestial event on Tuesday when the Earth's shadow fell across the moon, turning it orange. The lunar eclipse unfolded over three hours beginning at about 2 a.m., when the moon began moving into Earth's shadow. A little more than an hour later, the moon could be seen eclipsed and bathed in an orange, red or brown glow. Depending on local weather conditions, the eclipse was visible across a swath of the United States. REUTERS

In the air

Appeals court upholds air pollution rule

In a victory for the Obama administration, a U.S. appeals court on Tuesday upheld a regulation that would limit emissions of mercury and other hazardous pollutants mainly from coal-fired power plants, starting next year.

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Health care. US uses more health services, prescriptions in 2013

AMERICANS ARE USING HEALTH SERVICES MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS.

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Americans used more health services and spent more on prescription drugs in 2013, reversing a recent trend, though greater use of cheaper generic drugs helped control spending, according to a report issued Tuesday by a leading health care information company.

Spending on medicines rose 3.2 percent in the United States last year to $329.2 billion. While that was far less than the double-digit increases seen in previous decades, it was a rebound from a 1 percent decline in 2012, the report by IMS Health Holdings found.

Among factors driving the increased spending were the cost of new medicines, price increases on some branded drugs, a $10 billion reduced impact of patent expirations compared with 2012 and the first rise in the use of health care services in three years, IMS found.

IMS compiles and provides data on prescription drug use and trends for the pharmaceutical and health care industry.

The relatively small spending increase was helped in part by greater use of cheap generic drugs, which edged up to 86 percent of all prescriptions filled in the United States from 84 percent in 2012, despite fewer major new generic drug introductions compared with the impact seen in 2012.

Health care utilization was up across the board, with rises in doctor office visits, hospitalizations and volume of prescriptions filled, IMS said.

"The recession was officially over a long time ago, but what has taken a much longer time is for the (health care services) demand to recover," Michael Kleinrock, director of research development for IMS Institute for Healthcare Informatics, said in a telephone interview. REUTERS

Nick looked high and low but didn't find his bro. / PROVIDED

Why Aaron Carter missed big bro's wedding

Not making it to your own brother's wedding? Pretty cold. But Aaron Carter, who missed his big brother Nick's nuptials this weekend, insists it wasn't for lack of trying.

"Aaron had a contract to appear at the Cherry Blossom Festival in D.C. before Nick set his wedding date. Even though he was obligated to fulfill his contract, Aaron still wanted to make the wedding," his rep tells E! News. "There was a team of six people who worked to put together a plan to get him to Santa Barbara by the reception so he could at least participate in the celebration. He was on his way when his U.S. Airways plane experienced mechanical difficulties in Pittsburgh and they were grounded. Aaron was legitimately busting his ass to make it to his brother's wedding. He felt awful and had every intention of being there."

Ye olde "D.C. Cherry Blossom Festival" excuse, huh Aaron? In any case, it's not like he can't pick up the new issue of In Touch to see everything he missed — like this now-classic picture. Did Nick's new bride OK this before it went into a national magazine?

Osbourne and Hilton fight over a table

Paris Hilton and Kelly Osbourne, both members of famous families and natives of the reality boom of the early aughts, should be the best of friends. And yet, it appears, they are not. Go figure.

Both TV personalities were at Coachella this weekend (along with Nina Dobrev from "The Vampire Diaries," Leonardo DiCaprio and that sketchy temp from your office who called in sick on Monday), and apparently Kelly Osbourne got a rude awakening about her level of remaining fame.

Kelly and friends were hanging out at a VIP table at the Neon Carnival, according to Page Six, when management asked them to clear out to make room for Paris and her crew. The "Fashion Police" star, never one to keep these things quiet, called Paris out on Twitter.

"@ParisHilton please grow up there is no need to act like a child you could of happily joined us! it's not 2005 no one cares!," she wrote.

However, Hilton may have matured since her feud-starting heyday: Sources say it was the event's organizers, not Paris, who decided to clear the table, and Paris had no idea Kelly was even there. In her response she sounds genuinely mystified.

"@KellyOsbourne, getting tweets about us. I'm confused, as I did not see you once this entire weekend. No clue how these stories get invented," she wrote.

That's a very cordial response to a provocative tweet. Maybe Paris has matured. Or maybe it's part of a larger plan to win this feud. That's how the game is played, my friends. Maybe. I'm not really sure what the game is. I've never been at a VIP table. I've barely been at a table.

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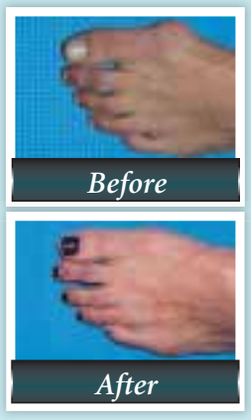

"After 7 years, I can finally wear heels again" - *C. Stephen*

Do you know all your clones? To see the complete list of all the characters star Tatiana Maslany has played, download the Blippar app on your smartphone and hold the device over this image. **Blipp it!** / STEVE WILKIE FOR BBC AMERICA

'Orphan Black' returns with 'crazy clone' fun

Interview. Showrunner Graeme Manson dishes on the new season.

"Orphan Black" is the little show that could. It had a few things working against it: There's a sci-fi premise, the series was unfamiliar to audiences and it depends entirely on one actress to carry the whole show.

That's right: Tatiana Maslany plays the three main characters and the villain this season (she played seven last season) because they're all clones.

But "Orphan Black," returning this Saturday at 9 p.m. on BBC America, has managed to gain quite a bit of traction, and the show's self-named "Clone Club" fans have much to look forward to this season.

Showrunner Graeme Manson promises plenty of "crazy clone shenanigans" to come. The main theme of the season? "We are stronger together," he says.

"One of the things I'm most excited about in Season 2 is peeling back the layers of Rachel, our new pro-clone who we introduced at the end of last season," Manson says, adding, "Tatiana really does a fabulous job with her."

You can also expect what Manson calls "a Sarah/Rachel war" to provide more details about Sarah and even Rachel herself.

And lest you get too concerned about the much-beloved scientist clone Cosima, last seen dramatically coughing up blood, Manson says she's his favorite clone. Wait, that means she's going to be OK, right? Manson wouldn't confirm or deny that Cosima would be healthy and happy by the end of the season.

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"One of the things I'm most excited about in Season 2 is peeling back the layers of Rachel, our new pro-clone who we introduced at the end of last season." Manson

Q&A

Jordan Gavaris on Felix's season

Gavaris, who plays Felix, foster brother to main clone Sarah, talks about what's ahead for him.

The Season 2 poster seemed to imply that Felix and Alison will be getting closer this season.

You may be on to something. I think that poster's filled with Easter eggs. Felix and Alison do have a close relationship this season. ... There's a real point of contention between Felix and Sarah that will come to a head and Felix will make a decision.

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Birdy finds her voice

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'Skinny love.' Jasmine Van den Bogaerde is more than just a shy British teenager.

The 17-year-old singer/songwriter who calls herself Birdy has a soft and serene voice, yet it's being heard loud and clear among the chorus of boy bands, girl bands and pop stars clogging the charts.

She's an unlikely celebrity. Born with the name Jasmine Van den Bogaerde, she has to be prodded a bit to perform and is too shy to make small talk with the crowd. But when she sings, people listen. Like Lorde, she represents a new type of pop star, one that's less shiny, but can't help but capture your attention.

"I love that there's such a range of pop and alternative music on the charts," Birdy tells us over the phone from Berlin, where she's performing at the Echo Awards. (She won Best International Rock/Pop Artist later that night.) She admits to listening to Taylor Swift just as much as Bon Iver — her cover of the latter's song "Skinny Love" catapulted her to fame.

"That song is so fragile and it reminded me of songs that I write. I really connected to it," she says.

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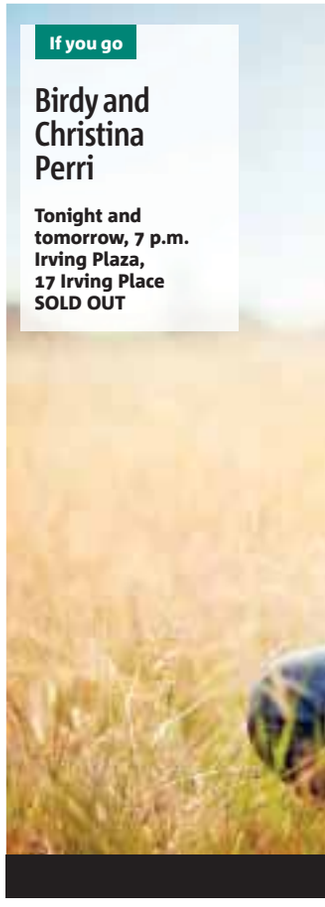

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Birdy will have three original songs on the movie soundtrack for "The Fault In Our Stars," out May 19. / BOO GEORGE

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"Releasing my own original music is both exciting and scary." Birdy

Birdy released an album of cover songs in 2011 with her take on artists like Phoenix and Death Cab for Cutie. Now, she's releasing "Fire Within," an album of her own material, June 3, which she is currently on tour promoting.

"Releasing my own original music is both exciting and scary," she says. "[At first], I didn't want to write about anything really personal, but I ended up doing it because it's hard to get around it."

Now, she's getting ready to perform at Irving Plaza, opening for Christina Perri. But besides the stage, you can also see her around the city on billboards: She's the face of Gap's new campaign. It looks like this songbird is beginning to spread her wings.

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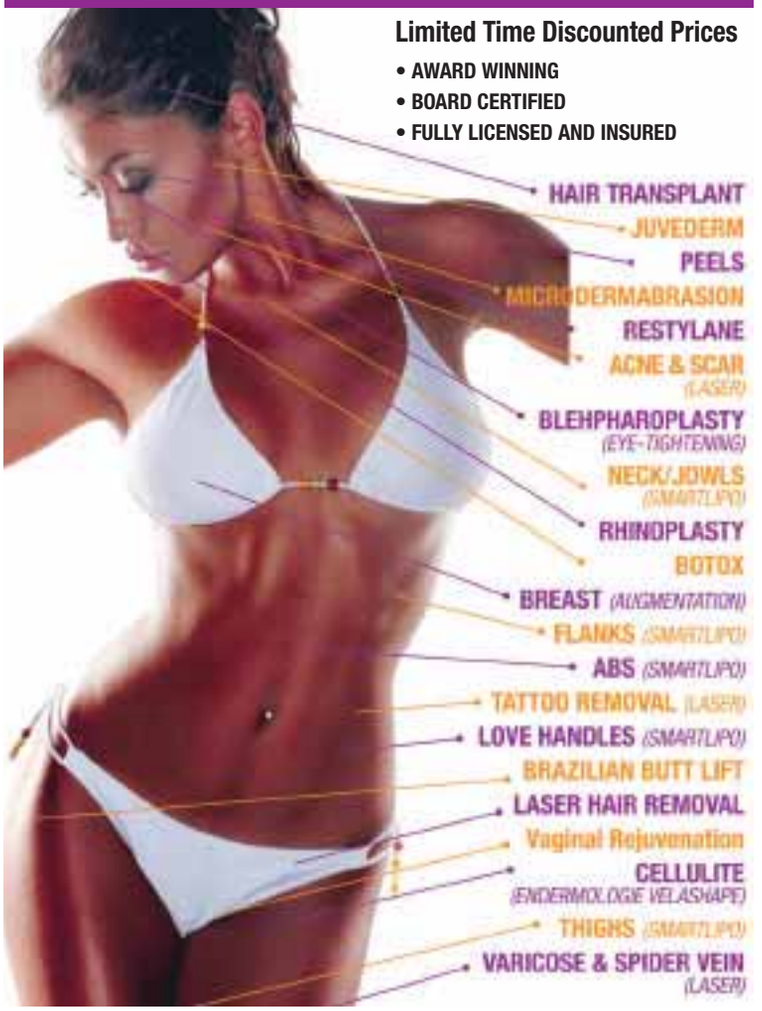

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A powerful piece found in 'The Library'

Theater. Chloe Grace Moretz stars as a school shooting victim who's quickly turned against.

Chloe Grace Moretz, Michael O'Keefe and Jennifer Westfeldt star in "The Library." / JOAN MARCUS

There's more than one type of victim in a mass high school shooting, as Caitlin Gabriel (Chloe Grace Moretz) learns in "The Library" at the Public Theater. While Caitlin's hospitalized body slowly recovers from its wounds, her classmate Ryan's (Daryl Sabara) smear campaign spreads with the speed of light. Ryan claims Caitlin informed the killer that students were hiding in the A/V closet. By the time she is released, the accusation has become so ingrained in local consciousness that her denial is futile. She is reviled and ostracized.

Meanwhile, the slain Joy Sheridan is enshrined as a saint thanks largely to a book by her mother, Dawn. Played by Lili Taylor with a directness that illuminates her contradictions, Dawn is a closed-minded religious zealot who is nonetheless empathic and forgiving. Caitlin claims it was Joy who revealed the A/V closet hiding place, making herself even more of a pariah.

Moretz captures Caitlin's anguish with subdued grace. Steven Soderbergh's direction, with a big assist from David Lander's color-coded back-lighting, suggests something lurking in the shadows. People often appear as mere silhouettes. Every element is rendered simply, giving the play an affecting immediacy.

Scott Z. Burns has written a compelling piece of theater, commenting on rumors, the media and the importance of getting there first. While we don't know until the end whose story is true, our suspicions tilt heavily in one direction. More ambiguity might raise the stakes in what is already a powerful drama.

If you go

'The Library'

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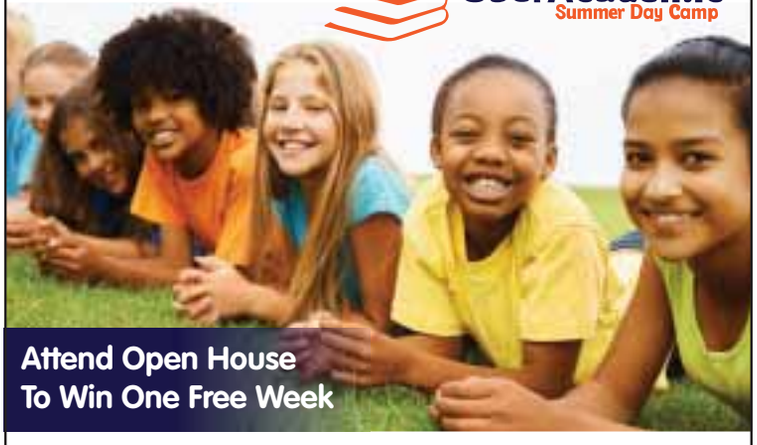

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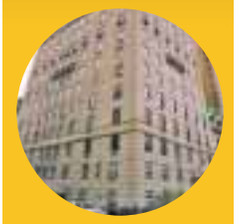
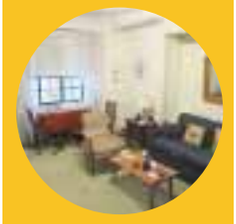
The most expensive property to come on the market this week is a co-op located at 2 E. 67th St. in Lenox Hill. Marketed by Dolly Lenz Real Estate, this 6-bedroom, 7.5-bathroom full-floor apartment features multiple fireplaces.





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The least expensive property this week is a co-op located at 5 Tudor City Place in Murray Hill. Marketed by Tudor Realty, this studio features high ceilings, hardwood floors, multiple closets and a kitchen that requires renovation. The apartment is located in a prewar building that has a fitness center and a laundry room.

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Decleve is in her element in her small but spacious-looking space. For more stylish tips, pay a visit to Decleve's blog: www.nattystylenyc.com. / ALL PHOTOS NATASHA JAHANGIR

Small space,

Treehouse. Natalie Decleve invites us into her space-challenged, style-saturated apartment.

Despite the towering ceilings and enviable exposed brick, it's easy to see how Natalie Decleve's apartment could be considered a challenge. Perched above the streets of the West Village, the light-filled space — which the blogger and stylist affectionately refers to as her "treehouse" — measures only 400 square feet, very few of which are dedicated to closets.

In the talented hands of Decleve, however, it feels more luxury loft than cramped quarters, striking the perfect balance between cozy and curated. We hit her up for some space-conscious, budget-friendly design tips.

Use what you've got

The high ceilings in Decleve's apartment make it feel (and function) like a much larger space. "I placed artwork high and hung a chandelier to draw the eye upward,"

Quoted

"In a small space, everything becomes part of the decor. Nice heels and bags can become part of the decor if properly placed." Decleve

Expert advice

Get crafty with storage

Rare is the tiny apartment with generous storage space, but a little creativity can make up for that MIA linen closet. "Use decorative boxes to stash things under the sofa, and buy furniture with built-in drawers and shelves," advises Decleve. "A storage bed with built-in drawers is the best way to maximize under-bed space and keep it looking clean, but the Container Store sells tons of bins designed specially to fit under the bed."

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she says. “For storage, I designed a custom closet through the Elfa system at the Container Store. This way, I use every inch of my space from floor to ceiling.”

Put your life on display

Not everything needs to be stowed away. When space is limited, treat your prettier possessions as decorations. “In a small space, everything becomes part of the decor,” says Decleve. “Display items in pretty vessels — a basket or metal wine tub makes a great scarf holder, while vintage dishes and empty candle vases are great for storing jewelry. Nice heels and bags can become part of the decor if properly placed.”

Furnish with caution

When there isn’t much space to spare, your furniture has to be spot-on. “Since there’s not room for a lot, it’s important to really love what you have. Invest in focal pieces,” says Decleve. “Also, try to make sure there’s no wasted space due to ill-fitting furniture — take thorough measurements of every nook and cranny before you buy. Having a loveseat without arms takes up less visual space, and always try to keep furniture proportional to the space and the other items around it.”

Short on storage? Make your prettier possessions part of the decor.

On a budget

Shopping secrets

1 Craigslist and Etsy
“Be specific about what you’re looking for to get the best results. Rather than searching ‘wooden coffee table,’ try ‘Danish modern wooden coffee table,’” Decleve suggests. “If you see something in a store that’s too expensive directly from the retailer, try searching for it by name, such as ‘Restoration Hardware Odeon chandelier.’”

2 Apartment Therapy
Compared to Craigslist, Decleve says the popular home decor blog’s classified listings are “far more curated and better for browsing.”

3 One Kings Lane
This online discount retailer specializes in home furnishings.

4 Flea markets
“Don’t be afraid to negotiate!” says Decleve.

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Decleve positions artwork high on the wall to draw the eye upward and create the illusion of more space.

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From the experts

Dr. Anthony Rossi, an award-winning dermatologist at JUVA Skin & Laser Center in New York, says some ingredients to avoid include formaldehyde releasers, parabens and heavy metals such as lead.

Repêchage CEO and founder Lydia Sarfati says to avoid exfoliators and facial scrubs that are labeled polyethylene and contain plastic microbeads.

"Plastic microbeads not only leave microscopic tears on your skin — which cause inflammation — but they are harmful to the environment," she says. "These microbeads pollute bodies of water inhabited by fish who consume them and are unfortunately killed as a result."

Healthy beauty

Eco-friendly primping. Ditch the chemical-packed products for natural alternatives.

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With Earth Day around the corner we were inspired to swap out our usual products for some good-for-you natural formulas instead. You're all about the green juices and organic foods right? Why not try that approach on your beauty routine. Here are some picks to get you inspired.

1 $15, PRITINYC.COM

2 LUSH FRESH FACE MASK, $7, LUSHUSA.COM FOR LOCATION NEAR YOU

3 JUARA TIARE JASMINE TEA SHOWER GEL, $28, JUARASKINCARE.COM

4 KORA ORGANICS HYDRATING DAY AND NIGHT CREAM, $65, KORAORGANICS.COM

5 $4.95, BAMBOOTOOTHBRUSHES.COM

6 ILIA MASCARA, $26, ILIABEAUTY.COM

Secret skin tip

Fighting acne

What's a good green alternate for acne prone skin?
"Sulfur is a traditional and older ingredient that was widely used for acne and rosacea and is now making it back into many anti-acne regimens," says Dr. Rossi.

Products

1 Priti NYC polishes are vegan, nontoxic and are free of carcinogenic ingredients found in most lacquers.

2 Lush creates fresh batches of face masks using the finest essential oils, fruits and deep cleaning clays. Since they are perishable, they're available in-store only.

3 Start your morning right with Juara's paraben and sulfate-free shower gel. Then slather on their velvety Candlenut Body Cream ($35) — you won't stop sniffing your own arm all day.

4 This moisturizer from Miranda Kerr's organic skin care line uses a medley of lavender, noni extract and rose hip oil to hydrate your skin.

5 Plastic toothbrushes add to an incredible amount of waste in our oceans and landfills. WooBamboo brushes are made with organically grown biodegradable bamboo. Plus, bamboo is naturally antimicrobial.

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"Goat Simulator" is more or less exactly what it sounds like. / COFFEE STAIN STUDIOS

A GAME WHERE YOU PLAY A GOAT? HECK, YEAH!

Some games are easy to put a bow on and call it a day. First-person shooters, RPGs and stealth titles all fall in that category. Other games, however, are more like a Las Vegas mescaline bender. Here are reviews of some weirdo gems.

'Goat Simulator'

System: PC
Company: Coffee Stain Studios

Throughout the history of video games, there has been one glaring omission: the ability to simulate life as a gravity-defying goat. Don't worry! That egregious error has finally been fixed. Here is "Goat Simulator," and it is a glorious exercise in utter ridiculousness.

In this game — surprise! — you control a goat. What's the point? To run around and knock stuff over, mostly. On paper, this sounds slightly repetitive and dull. In practice, however, it is more fun than controlling a virtual goat has any right to be. The world is open, the physics are utterly ridiculous and the goat is pissed. You haven't lived until you've exploded a car with an errant apple.

'Monument Valley'

System: iOS
Company: Ustwo

Finally, there's a game that lets you explore architecture the way M.C. Escher envisioned it. That game is "Monument Valley." / USTWO

Now that you've successfully destroyed a small town as a goat, it's time for you to finally embody an M.C. Escher drawing. This bizarre and beautiful title has you solving puzzles amidst a constantly changing 2-D/3-D space. It owes thanks to similar titles that explored the intersection of dimensions, like "Fez" and "Super Paper Mario," but it is more than the sum of its influences.

First off, this game is beautiful and captures a painting-like aesthetic not seen often in gaming. The gameplay reminds this jaded gamer of a touchscreen-enabled "Zelda" dungeon. In other words, the world is chock full of elegantly designed puzzles. It's been a while since the mobile space had a must-play title and, well, here it is.

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Music videos

Vevo widens ties with Yahoo

Yahoo Inc. and Vevo, an online music video hub that provides some of the most popular content on Google's YouTube, have expanded their content and regional partnership, Vevo said amid mounting competition for online viewers.

The deal brings Vevo's music videos, live concert events and other original music programming to Yahoo's video channel, Yahoo Screen, in the United States and Canada.

The reworked deal with Vevo highlights Yahoo's strategy to increase video views as the company tries to increase the time users spend on its websites.

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WEIGHT LOSS, HEALTH GAINS

Being healthy also increases Amanda's chances of having a baby one day. / DIGITAL VISION

One of the main reasons I decided to lose weight and eat better was to improve my health overall — it hasn't been about looking better. There are countless studies on how being overweight or obese dramatically increases your risk factors for diseases. Here are just a few that I'm paying special attention to.

1 Cancer: My mother, aunt and grandmother have all had it, so it's something I'm concerned about. Obesity has been linked to increased rates of several types of cancer. The National Cancer Institute says that "if every adult reduced their BMI by 1 percent, which would be equivalent to a weight loss of roughly 2.2 pounds for an adult of average weight, this would ... result in the avoidance of about 100,000 new cases of cancer."

2 Type 2 diabetes: When you combine my weight with my sugar addiction, I'm lucky that I haven't developed diabetes already. The Obesity Society claims that nearly 90 percent of people with Type 2 diabetes are overweight. "Being overweight puts added pressure on the body's ability to properly control blood sugar using insulin and therefore makes it much more likely for you to develop diabetes," the group says. Weight loss and being active can greatly reduce the risk of a highly preventable condition.

3 Mental health issues: Depression is something I've struggled with most of my life, and I was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 2001 — with new medication causing me to gain 100 pounds over the next year. Psychiatrists say it goes both ways: Being obese can contribute to depression and other mental health disorders, and fighting mental illness can make someone more likely to gain weight or be and inactive. Mental health is also a key component of eating disorders — everything from anorexia and bulimia to binge eating. Exercising and eating healthier certainly has made me feel better — and I'm not the only one. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) points out that "exercise can help to treat certain medical illnesses and stop them from getting worse."

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Progress report

Starting Stats
(as of Jan. 29)

Weight: 209.5 pounds
Body Mass Index (BMI): 36
Chest: 48 inches
Waist: 41 inches
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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You need to be at your best when dealing with loved ones. Show patience and care, and listen to everyone's concerns.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Don't risk your position by entering into a relationship with a co-worker. Inappropriate remarks, no matter how innocent, could cost you dearly.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Make a small personal improvement. Even though you may be reluctant at first, changes at home will turn out better than expected.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Your family may feel that they are no longer a priority in your eyes. Curtail the number of hours you spend working.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Professional changes will work out in your favor if you focus your energy on work and present your accomplishments with confidence.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Your superiors will be impressed with the way you handle a crisis. Your grace under pressure will put you at the top of the list.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Stimulate your senses today. Increase your knowledge. Checking out different attitudes and points of view will help you relate.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. A solid moneymaking opportunity will present itself. Careful research will provide the insight you need to take full advantage of the situation.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Your popularity will increase if you listen. An invitation to a social event will open several promising doors.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Jealousy in the workplace could lead to damaging rumors. Keep your personal life private to avoid an unpleasant confrontation.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Your unique abilities are not being used to their full potential. Investigate other job markets, and network with former co-workers or clients. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Girl, please

RE: 'Heather Dubrow: Getting real in the O.C.,' April 14, 2014
Perhaps I am not qualified to make this observation since I have never watched the show, but I wondered at Heather Dubrow's usage of the word "girl" throughout her interview. I looked at her picture and she definitely qualifies for the use of the term "woman." But perhaps it isn't the age in years but maturity level that warrants the "girl" description?
MARY FARRELL, VIA EMAIL

Body snatching

Re: "Organ Donations In Short Supply In NY," April 9, 2014
There is a lot that people are not told when they agree to donate organs. The paperwork doesn't mention that the purpose is for the hospital to profit from transplants as with any other medical service. Potential donors have no rights regarding what happens after their organs are harvested. What criteria do doctors use to declare an organ donor dead? Will the body be used for other medical projects? You can only donate blindly, the rest is a secret world. There is a need for more transparency. People shouldn't allow themselves to be used as a moneymaker for the medical establishment.
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14 Chanel's nickname
15 "Not the half — —!"
16 Waken
17 Earl -- Biggers
18 Canadian prov.
19 Improve upon
20 Fall apart
22 Coups
24 Of the hipbone
26 Karate level
27 Get to safety
30 Rendering helpless
35 Use the door
6 Storytelling dance
37 Earth orbiter
38 Kung fu's Bruce —
39 Stiff straw hats
42 Pablo's aunt
43 Retirees' kitties
45 Processes cotton
46 Part of LCD
48 Buddy
50 Ribs or needles
51 Epoch
52 Grassy areas
54 Carpet leftover
58 In plain sight
62 Arkin and Greenspan
63 Viking name
65 KWh bill
66 Poker pair
67 Oprah's middle name
68 Window part
69 Swiss miss
70 Foot part
71 Inspector Kojak

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4 Furry-tailed rodents
5 Hockey player
6 Wouldn't hurt— —
7 Overalls front
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9 Foulard kin
10 Bare or bear
11 "The Mammoth Hunters" writer
12 Can't be
13 Rorem and Beatty
21 Book jacket ad
23 Psychic — Cayce
25 Indian relish
27 Historical memento
28 January, in Jalisco
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31 Cries at the bullfight
32 Tiny specks
33 Library no-no
34 Small fly
36 Narrow margin
40 Nash of humorous poems
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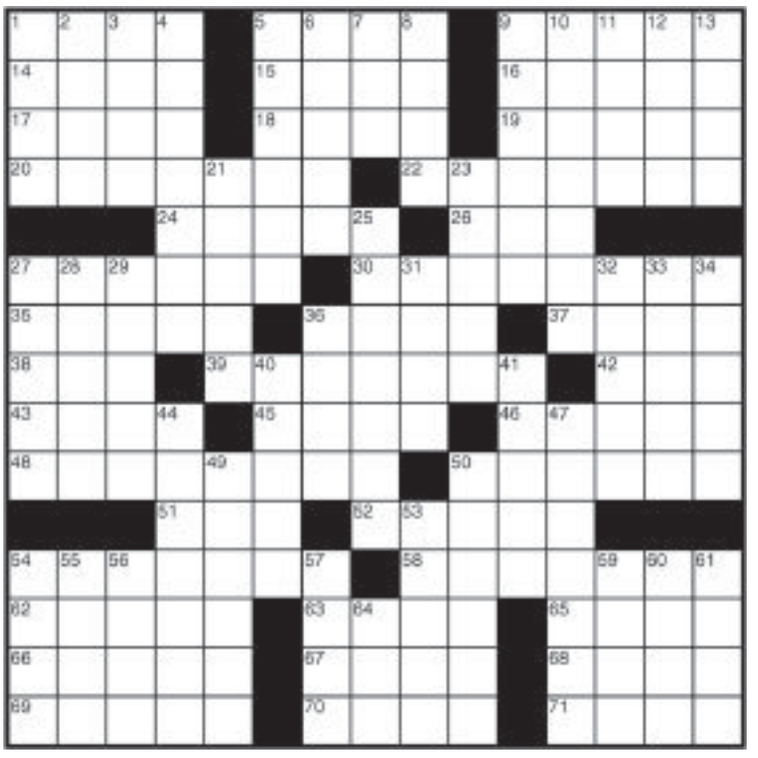

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Old friends

Report: Knicks close to deal with Odom

Phil Jackson apparently hasn't had enough of Lamar Odom. Multiple reports indicate the Knicks are close to signing the 34-year-old veteran forward with an eye on him playing next season. Odom played with the Lakers under Jackson, but spent time in rehab for drug problems last year.

5 Storylines to watch for Rangers-Flyers

The Rangers and Flyers have a long history of animosity. Now they rekindle that rivalry in the Stanley Cup playoffs starting Thursday.

New York is 13-7-3 since the Olympic break in February, so they're not exactly entering the playoffs riding a hot streak. But they've certainly looked better in the second half after starting out just 3-6 on a nine-game roadtrip to begin the season.

So what will prove to be the difference in the two teams' first-round series? We take a look at five storylines to watch.

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1 Healthy returns

The Rangers suffered in the final months of the season with a few key injuries — one thanks to the Olympic break itself. Mats Zuccarello was enjoying the best season of his career before fracturing his hand in Sochi. He bounced back quickly though, missing just two weeks. He has four goals and 12 assists since returning.

Chris Kreider's broken hand has kept him out for the last three weeks, but he did return to the ice in practice last week. He's likely to be back, but when is still up in the air.

ZUCCARELLO LED THE RANGERS WITH 59 POINTS THIS SEASON.

The biggest injury of all may be Olympic defenseman Ryan McDonagh. McDonagh, one of the best at his position in the league, hasn't played since injuring his shoulder April 1. But he assured reporters this week he will be ready to go in Game 1.

2 Gateway to a title run

When the Rangers made the blockbuster trade for Martin St. Louis at the trade deadline — and dealt captain Ryan Callahan in the process — the results were expected to show immediately. They didn't. St. Louis had 29 goals and 32 assists with Tampa Bay, but just one goal and seven assists in the 19 games he's played with New York. With Kreider a question mark, it's more important than ever for St. Louis to return to his usual form.

ST. LOUIS WILL TAKE A LOT OF HEAT IF CALLAHAN AND TAMPA BAY HAVE A MORE SUCCESSFUL PLAYOFF RUN.

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3 A certain Vign-tage

Sure, the Rangers hired first-year head coach Alain Vigneault to get them to the postseason, but John Tortorella had no problem doing that either. What can Vigneault do in the playoffs which Tortorella could not? The Vigneault hire was made to pick things up on offense, but they actually scored 2.7 goals per game in 2013 versus 2.6 goals per game this season. Will Vigneault's style be more effective in the playoffs?

VIGNEAULT HAS A SIMILAR TRACK RECORD AS TORTORELLA — REGULAR SEASON SUCCESS AND DISAPPOINTING POSTSEASONS.

4 The King

Henrik Lundqvist isn't getting any younger. The Rangers goaltender has had tremendous success in the regular season — and a gold medal in 2006 — but has yet to break through in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

The five-time Vezina Trophy finalist hasn't even had a chance to compete for the Cup. The Stanley Cup playoffs have always been about goaltending. It's time for the King, now 32 years old, to claim his Cup.

5 The vets

Rick Nash and Brad Richards seem to have faded into the background this season trade talk about Callahan and Dan Girardi, a new coach and the emergence of Zuccarello, Kreider and even Derek Stepan.

But the 29-year-old Nash and 33-year-old Richards are still the most well-known names on the Rangers. It's been 10 years since Richards won a Stanley Cup with Tampa Bay and Nash played in just one postseason before joining New York.

NASH HAD 26 GOALS THIS SEASON TO LEAD THE RANGERS.

Nash is making $7.8 million this season, while Richards is paid $6.66 million.

It's time the highest-paid and third-highest paid (behind Lundqvist) players on the roster earn their keep.

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Fitting that the Spurs close out the regular season as our No. 1. They'll finish with the best record in the NBA, but they'll continue to be known as the New England Patriots of basketball if they can't bring the title back to San Antonio this June.

No. 2

Thunder (58-23)

Here's hoping Oklahoma City and the Clippers meet at some point this spring.

No. 3

Clippers (56-24)

In April, the Clippers have lost to the Mavericks and Thunder but beat the Suns, Lakers and Kings.

No. 4

Blazers (53-28)

It seems as though the Blazers are back on track after a sluggish March. They've won four straight.

No. 5

Rockets (54-27)

The Rockets did not mess around Monday with a chance to secure home court, beating the Spurs.

No. 6

Heat (54-27)

Miami had been focusing on one game for weeks — last Friday's victory over the Pacers.

No. 7

Pacers (55-26)

The Pacers received way too much press way too soon and Frank Vogel now looks overwhelmed.

No. 8

Warriors (50-31)

Golden State center Andrew Bogut fractured a rib and could miss the entire postseason.

No. 9

Grizzlies (49-32)

The Grizzlies are in the playoffs after earning it with a 97-91 road victory over the Suns.

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Mavericks (49-32)

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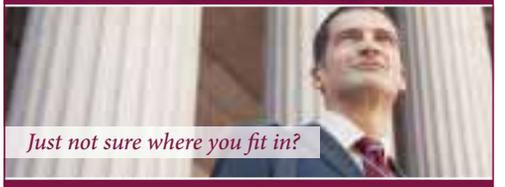

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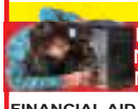

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